

One World Flutes.

World Class Bansuris – Indian Bamboo Flutes.
Fort Worth, Texas.
USA.

Care and maintenance of your Geoffrey Ellis Wooden Bansuri. *By Geoffrey Ellis.*

No oiling is required. The interior bore of these wooden flutes is sealed with a clear coat marine epoxy, giving them complete moisture protection and eliminating the need for any type of oil. Cracking due to changes in humidity is also not a danger.

To maintain the finish on the outside of the flute I recommend regular applications of wax. DO NOT USE OIL. A beeswax mixture is a good choice [I favor Clapham's Beeswax Furniture Polish]. I also use Renaissance Wax. If you prefer something that is all natural [contains no mineral spirits] then Clapham's makes a beeswax salad bowl finish. It provides more of a matte finish and might require more regular applications. You can't wax the flute too often, and keeping it waxed means that the lacquer topcoat on the outside will not wear over time. Special attention should be given to the lip plate and anywhere the fingers rest.

A well-made and properly finished wooden flute is much more stable than bamboo and should last a lifetime, but it still must be treated with care. Wood is still an organic substance that can suffer the effects of neglect and it can still be dented, scratched and crushed.

- Do not leave the instrument in an extreme environment. This includes both heat and cold. A car dashboard on a sunny day, a window sill, next to a heat source like a stove or heater, or out in the snow. You can play the flute outside if the weather is cold, and you can play it if the temperature is very hot, but protect it from extremes as much as possible.
- Gently swab out the bore if it gets very wet. This is more for the sake of hygiene than to protect the flute. A piece of soft cloth or paper towel attached to a thin rod will work, just take care not to scratch the inside of the bore and make sure you don't lose your cloth inside the bore! They can be tricky to get out when that happens.
- Follow these simple guidelines and your flute should give you trouble free enjoyment for years to come.